(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government had demanded to depute a Central team to assess flood situation in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has recently submitted a Memorandum to the Government of India seeking financial assistance of Rs. 1118.67 crore on account of losses due to floods in October, 2005 in the State.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team has been constituted for assessment of damage and requirement of funds on account of losses due to floods in the State. The Central Team has recently visited the affected areas of the State w.e.f. 17th to 20th November, 2005. Further action in the matter will be taken by the Government based on the report of the Central Team and in accordance with the laid down procedure.

Constitution of National Disaster Management Fund

57. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalized the constitution of National Disaster Management Fund;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the fund initially and that proposed to be earmarked for it annually;

(c) the number of personnel with designations assigned the job to manage and operate the fund and the system;

(d) whether any guidelines for its operation have also been finalized; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.